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European Patent No. 0 048 006 appears to disclose in Fig. 1 a carrying carton with a grid-like insert.

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